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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated October 7, 2004 for which a response period of three months was set. Applicants request an extension of time of three months. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of time.

This is an amendment and response to the non-final office action

Amendment to the Claims is reflected in the list of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Response begin on page 5 of this paper.